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In the Application of:

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A HYBRID WIRED/WIRELESS

NETWORK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Final Office Action mailed March 6, 2009 ("Final Office Action") in the above-identified application with a reply period through June 6, 2009. The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments preliminary to continued examination in the instant application and consideration of the following remarks. The Applicant also respectfully requests continued examination in the instant application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.